

8 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1782.

On motion by Mr. Key and seconded by Mr. Forrest, ORDERED, That the letters from Matthew Ridley, Esq; of the 20th April and 10th July, be referred to a committee, and Mr. Seney, Mr. Cradock, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Wilkinson, were appointed by Mr. Speaker a committee for that purpose.

Robert Goldsborough, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 15, 1782.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are as much concerned as yourselves, that a sense of duty alone does not produce a punctual meeting of the legislature, agreeably to the constitution, for choosing a governor and council; and we are ready to give our concurrence to such measures as shall be deemed most effectual to enforce in future a due and regular attendance of the members of both houses at the time appointed.

We shall be ready to proceed to the choice of a governor, at the hour fixed in your message of this date by Messieurs Worthington and M^cMechen, and have named William Hindman and Edward Lloyd, Esquires, to examine the ballot boxes, in conjunction with the gentlemen nominated by your house; and to morrow noon we will elect, as proposed in your message, a council to the governor.

We have nominated Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esq; to be balloted for as governor, in addition to the gentleman named by you.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Which was read.

The house having qualified for that purpose in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the choice of a governor, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that William Paca, Esq; was elected. Whereupon RESOLVED, That William Paca, Esq; be and is hereby declared governor of Maryland.

A petition from Nicholas Swingley was preferred and read, and referred to the committee appointed on private petitions.

John Smith, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from Robert Milligan, setting forth, that his ill state of health in 1779 occasioned his leaving America, previous to which time he had not taken the oath of allegiance, and praying to be relieved from disabilities he labours under from such omission, having taken the oath since his return, endorsed; "By the senate, November 15, 1782: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates."

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. M^cMechen seconded by Mr. Forrest, ORDERED, That a message be prepared to the senate, informing them, that the public conduct and administration of the late governor has been such, as to entitle him, in the opinion of this house, to the approbation and thanks of the general assembly, and if the senate approve the measure, that a committee of both houses be appointed to draw up the address; and Mr. Hall, Mr. Chase, and Mr. M^cMechen, were appointed a committee by Mr. Speaker for that purpose.

On motion by Mr. Job seconded by Mr. Hindman, Mr. Job, Mr. Brogden, Mr. S. Worthington, and Mr. Bowie, were appointed by Mr. Speaker a committee to consider and report on the petitions of nonjurors.

The following message was prepared, and sent to the senate by Mr. Hindman and Mr. Brogden.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 15, 1782.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THE public conduct and administration of our late governor having been such, as entitles him, in our opinion, to the approbation and thanks of the general assembly, we propose a joint address from both houses, and, if you approve the measure, shall appoint a committee to join a committee from your house to draw up the address.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 15, 1782.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are fully of opinion, that the administration and public conduct of our late governor merit the applause and thanks of this general assembly, and agree to express our approbation in an address to be drawn by a committee of both houses, for which purpose we have appointed Matthew Tilghman, and Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquires, on our part, to join the gentlemen you may nominate.

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